

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
May 20, 2005

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, May 20, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1. Members present. David Bonfiglio, David C. Chapleau, Thomas J. Felts, Mary Margaret Lloyd, Roderick D. McGillivray, Nanette Raduenz, Nicholas L. South, Richard G. Striegel and Michael P. Scopelitis, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Wendy Yerkes, Director, Child Support Bureau, Department of Child Services (DCS) and Daphne Risch, DCS also attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the April 15, 2005 meeting were approved.
5. Domestic Relations Benchbook.
 - a. Judge Chapleau submitted a sample Dialogue for a Final Hearing and minute entry. Committee members agreed to review it for the next meeting.
 - b. Judge Scopelitis distributed materials on property division. Committee members reviewed these materials and agreed to continue their review and email comments to Judge Scopelitis for modification and further review at the next meeting.
6. Presentation by Wendy Yerkes.
 - a. Wendy Yerkes distributed a draft memorandum to judges and attorneys about the payment of income withholding orders (IWO) to the central collection unit in Indianapolis. All IWO's will have to direct monies to central collection unit by October 31, 2005. She agreed to distribute a revised memorandum to committee for comment as soon as possible.
 - b. Wendy Yerkes reported formation of a strategic planning initiative for the payment of child support and asked for participation of two representatives from the Domestic Relations Committee. Judge Bonfiglio and Magistrate Raduenz agreed to participate. The first meeting will be held on June 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center.
 - c. Wendy Yerkes and Daphne Risch discussed child support issues with committee members.
7. Other; Next meeting date.
 - a. Judge Felts reported there are proposed amendments to Trial Rules 12 and 56 at: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/proposed>. He also stated the parenting time guidelines are available in Spanish.
 - b. Committee members agreed to meet again on the following dates: July 15, August 19, and

October 21, 2005 from 10:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center. There will be no June or September meeting. The November meeting will be held November 17-18, in conjunction with the Domestic Relations workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

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